



July 7, 2003

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Attention: Amy Cohen (3WP32)

Re: Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc.
Order on Consent

Dear Ms. Cohen:

In accordance with paragraph 36 of the above-referenced Order on Consent, we are submitting for your review and approval, a plan for providing a permanent alternate water supply to the residents identified below:

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Please note, the (b) (6) residences have moved out and the houses now vacant. These are Mountaire-owned properties and will not be occupied in the future.

Alternate Water Supply Plan

- Send to each affected resident a certified letter explaining the existence of the Order on Consent, requesting they contact Mountaire Farms' Environmental Manager to arrange individual meetings to discuss the options for an alternate water supply (proposed copy of the letter attached).

TIME FRAME: Letters will be sent within 15 working days upon receipt of EPA's written approval of this plan.



Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc.
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(302) 934-1100 Toll Free (877) 887-1490

"We measure quality by how well we service our internal and external customers"

- Meet with each resident at a time and location convenient to said resident and explain the options available as an alternate water supply (replacement of their existing well with a deep well or point-of-entry ion exchange treatment system).
TIME FRAME: Meetings to be scheduled at the convenience of each resident.
- Obtain written documentation from each resident specifying their choice of options.
TIME FRAME: Within 10 working days of meeting. If a resident has not responded within this time frame, said resident will be mailed a certified letter requesting their decision.
- Once all the residents have made their choice, contact an appropriate vendor (certified well driller or treatment system supplier) to discuss the installation of the selected option.
TIME FRAME: Vendors will be contacted within 10 working days upon receipt of all of the resident's documents.
- Schedule the installation of the selected option to each affected resident.
TIME FRAME: Dependent upon the availability and convenience of the resident. However, it is our goal to have the well driller or water treatment equipment vendor come to the site only once and install the selected option.
- After the installation of the selected option, sample and analyze the drinking water to verify compliance with the drinking water standard for nitrates (<10 parts per million).
TIME FRAME: 10 working days after installation.
- Coordinate the removal of bottled water from the residences.
TIME FRAME: Upon receipt of laboratory sample results.

Please review this plan and indicate in writing whether it is acceptable. Additionally, if you need any additional information or wish to discuss this, please contact me at (302) 934-3094.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Smith, REM
Environmental Manager

Cc: Edward Hallock (Delaware Dept. of Health & Social Services)
Rodney Wyatt (Delaware Dept. of Natural Resources and Environmental Control)
Michael Tirrell (Mountaire Farms)
John Wren (Mountaire Farms)
Walter Moorhead (Mountaire Farms)
Mark Beachboard (Mountaire Farms)
Gordon Serman (Mountaire Farms)
Jeremy Homer (Parkowski, Guerke & Swayze)

Proposed Letter to Residents

Dear (Name of Resident):

As you are aware, Mountaire Farms has been providing you bottled water while we have been discussing with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the next course of action to address the presence of nitrates in the groundwater above drinking water standards. As a result of these discussions, Mountaire Farms has entered into a voluntary "Order on Consent", which outlines certain steps we will be taking to provide you with a permanent alternate water supply, at no cost to you.

We have identified two options which will be available for you to choose. One option is the replacement of your existing drinking water well with a new, deep well. The second option is the installation of an ion exchange "point-of-entry" water pretreatment unit, approved by the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience at (302) 934-3094 so that I may meet with you personally to further explain the options noted above and to answer any questions that you may have regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Smith, REM
Environmental Manager
Mountaire Farms, Inc.